

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LONGVIEW
In the Province of Alberta, held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024
Held in Longview Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Lyons
Deputy Mayor Penner
Councilor Klassen

Chief Administrative Officer Roy Tutschek

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

30 public in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lyons called the Meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. The meeting took place at the Community Hall.

AGENDA

Resolution 001-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Penner that the agenda be accepted as amended. Table **BUSINESS 11. 2 RFD EDC application for membership continued.**

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Kathie Selbee, Dave Marshall, EDC Bylaw 370-15 intended purpose and overview of the GHG Impact Retrofit Capital Project.

Kathie Selbee. EDC Bylaw 370-15 4.1, 4.2, Duties of the Committee: promote tourism, support local business, attract new business and improve the image of the Village of Longview.

I attended first EDC meeting last week and the discussion was about retrofit of a public community building. Which does not align with the EDC Bylaw. Retrofits of community buildings have been under purview of the CAO. Should not be lay people making recommendations.

Dave Marshall. I was asked by EDC to take a look at a grant. There were two misrepresentations to EDC and the Village, possibly due to enthusiasm. Firstly, the actual grant of 80% I found out includes a loan, it is not an 80% grant – the grant portion is 25% of the 80%, or 20%, and the balance is a loan, 60% of the 80%. Secondly, the grant for the Community Hall is supposed to be for reducing greenhouse gases – I understand that the Community Hall project for this grant will include items like leaking roof and door repairs.

I recommend in future projects like this go to the CAO to Council. Council should establish a committee, not just one person to lead the project.

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**CORRESPONDENCE
FROM RESIDENT**

None.

**MINUTES OF
PREVIOUS
MEETINGS**

Resolution 002-24

MOVED by Mayor Lyons that Minutes of the Regular Council meeting December 19, 2023 be accepted as amended, remove 'presented'.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

CAO presented Action Items.

REPORTS

CAO Report

CAO Tutschek presented the CAO report.

Peace Officer Report

December 2023 accumulative PO report.

Council Reports

December 2023 Council reports were presented.

Reports to Council

Mayor Lyons

1. Upcoming Recreation Board meeting January 23, 2024.
2. Upcoming FRESC meeting.

Deputy Mayor Lisa Penner

From Dec 14, 2023 – Jan 11, 2024

General

- Attended Council meeting: Dec 19 Regular meeting

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- Village 2023 electrical expenses summary with the solar array revenue shared to EDC. This has been passed on to CAO & Council for review

EDC

- met on Jan 9, 2024
- Hall upgrade update – EDC met with an engineer to assess the Community Hall. The results have been emailed to Council for review
- Questions raised and discussed regarding whether upgrading hall vs tear-down and build new
- Gallery questions/concerns
 - does upgrading the community hall fall within EDC duties
 - Federation of Canadian Municipalities grant is not a true 80/20 grant. It is a grant/loan where of the 80% grant portion only 25% is grant money and the other 75% is a loan
 - The greenhouse gas reduction requirements of the grant is not achievable
 - The engineer report is comprehensive
 - Called for a stop to EDC pursuing the FCM grant
 - Suggested doing upgrades to the hall by fundraising
- EDC passed motion to table any further work on the hall upgrading project
- A list of new EDC projects was submitted – this has been sent to Council for review

Longview School

- Next meeting January 18, 2024 at 6 p.m. in the school. Childcare is provided. All welcome

Municipal Planning and Commission

-no meetings

 Mayor

 CAO

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Sheep River Regional Utility Corporation

- unable to attend the Dec. 21 meeting
- next meeting Feb 15, 2024

Councilor Klassen

Report to Council

January 9 - Library

- looking for at least one more board member.
- starting to look for volunteers to sign up for Highway Clean-up.
- library bylaw includes council rep as a voting member of the board.

Resolution 003-24 **MOVED** by Councilor Klassen that the reports be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

**FINANCIAL
REPORTS**

December 2023 Bank Reconciliation.

December 2023 Accounts Payable Cheque Register.

December 2023 YTD Revenue and Expense report.

Resolution 004-24 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Penner that the December, 2023 Financial Reports be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

QUESTION PERIOD

Dave Marshall. First time ever Committee of Council appointments done in Camera. Not following MGA rules – Council discussions to be in public unless FOIP exceptions. FOIP exceptions are simply, land, legal and labor. Committee appointments do not have do with land, legal or labor. Not to do with firing someone, they are not paid.

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2018 Municipal Inspection report – need to abide by this. Going into Closed meeting December 19, 2023 FOIP, section numbers not provided.

Municipal Affairs website Closed meeting document says:

Council should go into closed meetings:

1. Only seldom
2. When discussing employees
3. When there is a potential to disclose personal information
4. Hard decision discussions should be in public

Last Council meeting, there was a closed meeting however no EDC appointment motion made after – looks suspicious.

What part of FOIP covers committee appointments in closed meeting?

Deputy Mayor Penner. I agree wholeheartedly. Going based on past practice to be consistent. Brought it to Council, has decided to review FOIP then make appropriate decision.

Closed meetings were held for the two previous EDC appointments. FOIP topic was 'personnel'.

Ashley Grady. Why was no decision made by Council after the latest closed meeting discussion regarding EDC member appointments?

Deputy Mayor Penner. There was a delay due to needing to confirm that the EDC application had been approved by EDC.

Doreen Kirk. Has Plant Based Treaty been researched before any signing? There could be harmful chemicals.

Councilor Klassen. Each Council member and CAO received an email. We wanted to be sure this was brought to the awareness of the residents so we used the RFD process. We have not signed any Plant Based Treaty agreement. The RFD is simply a request for a decision. Time must be taken to discuss first, before making a decision.

Christina Weir. How can one Council member sign a Treaty?

Deputy Mayor Penner. The Treaty was not signed by any one member of Council. Apologies if you thought that happened. In another municipality each Council member responded individually.

Deanna Sinton. Where did the emails come from? Only 24 Communities have signed on.

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Councilor Klassen. Email source: civicinput@newmode.org.

Paola Jumilla. Are 2022 Village of Longview Financial Statements on the website?

CAO. CAO will follow up Village website 2022 Financial Statements.

Kathie Selbee. Council should not do RFDs for grants, loans or Treaties from any unelected bodies. This could be supported by an RFD from 100 community signatures.

Christina Weir. When will Council remuneration be posted on website?

CAO. CAO will follow up Council remuneration on the Village website.

Marj Bird. Regarding the draft Animal Control Bylaw, where did cats go? Cats do more damage than dogs and other animals.

Deputy Mayor Penner. Cats were removed last Council meeting based on Peace Officers indicating they are unable to enforce any cat related Bylaws. There will be a public engagement upcoming in which there can be further public feedback with regard to cats as related the draft Animal Control Bylaw 469-23.

Chey Kroeker. Why should I pay for stray cats, I have two indoor cats? I would not allow someone to come inside my house to check if I have cats.

Please have zoom meetings. It was hard to hear the Council meeting in the Community Hall.

BYLAWS

10.1 Draft Animal Control Bylaw 469-23.

Resolution 005-24

MOVED by Councilor Klassen that Bylaw number 469-23 Animal Control Bylaw receive 1st Reading as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS

11.1 Insurance waiver request continued.

Resolution 006-24

MOVED by Mayor Lyons, table insurance waiver decision until CAO has more information from the insurance agent.

CARRIED

 Mayor

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**11.2 RFD EDC
application for
membership
continued**

Resolution 007-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Penner that Dave Marshall is appointed as member of EDC.

CARRIED

**11.3 RFD Council
meeting Procedures.**

Resolution 008-24

MOVED by Mayor Lyons that the CAO investigate implementation of zoom video Council meetings.

CARRIED

Council discussed – will leave Question Period as is. As long as public continues to be respectful can continue to be open to other short discussions later during Council meetings. Council meetings are for the Council to discuss Village matters. There are other avenues to communicate with Council – delegations, letters, in person interactions. There were other means in the past: ‘Community Discussion’ and ‘Meet the Councilor’.

Council will revisit the question of later start times for Council meetings after zoom Council meetings task is completed.

Resolution 009-24

MOVED by Mayor Lyons, Council Oaths of Office can be viewed at the office. Not posted on website, no copies made for circulation outside the office.

CARRIED

Resolution 010-24

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Penner that CAO arrange to have EDC minutes posted on website.

CARRIED

With regard to: Council should acknowledge receipt of correspondence from residents” If administrative in nature. CAO/Admin should respond. CAO can advise that Council is aware.

Marj Bird. Only asked for acknowledgement of having received the correspondence. So, we know if it has been received. Council will take this request into consideration going forward on incoming correspondence addressed to Council.

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**11.4 Council and
CAO Retreat.**

Resolution 011-24

MOVED by Mayor Lyons that Council have a strategic planning retreat 10 – 5 p.m., Friday February 2, 2024, held at the Community Hall. Follow up catering from local establishment.

CARRIED

**11.5 Date for CAO
Evaluation.**

Resolution 012-24

MOVED by Mayor Lyons that the Pre-CAO evaluation meeting of Council only, is tentatively planned for Friday January 19, 2024. CAO evaluation date to be identified at that meeting.

CARRIED

**11.6 RFD Plant
Based Treaty.**

Resolution 013-24

Councilor Klassen apologized with words to the effect that 'I got people in an uproar – it was my idea to do an RFD, with the intention to make sure the community was made aware of this and Council should vote on it. Because these emails came individually to all members of Council for transparency it should be voted on'.

There was a request for a recorded vote.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Penner, this vote should be recorded. 'No' to the external request of the Village of Longview Council members to sign the Plant Based Treaty agreement.

Mayor Lyon's vote was: No, do not sign the Plant Based Treaty agreement.

Deputy Mayor Penner. No.

Councilor Klassen. No.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Comments were made by the public in the Council meeting – thanking Councilor Klassen, appreciation on behalf of the community for letting them know about the Plant Base Treaty agreement request.

There was applause among the residents who attended the Council meeting upon hearing the decision of the Council.

CORRESPONDENCE NONE.

CLOSED MEETING NONE.

ADJOURNMENT
Resolution 014-24

MOVED by Mayor Lyons to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

CARRIED


 Mayor

 CAO

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Mayor



CAO